

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.,
in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 631, 2/24/2009; HB 636,
2/24/2009; SB 280, 2/24/2009;
SB 430, 2/24/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:09 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on
SB 280, Revise tax exemption of rental personal
property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Rohnn Lampi, Owner, Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership
00:07:38 David Lyons, LTL Investments
00:12:23 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:55 Debbie Jurcich, Compliance Valuation, Department of
Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:21 Rep. Cohenour
00:13:50 Ms. Jurcich
00:14:29 Rep. Cohenour
00:15:29 Sen. Gebhardt
00:16:53 Rep. Cohenour
00:17:15 Mr. Lyons
00:18:53 Chairman Lake
00:19:04 Rep. Wiseman
00:19:58 Mr. Lyons
00:21:23 Rep. Butcher
00:22:01 Mr. Lyons
00:22:45 Chairman Lake
00:22:52 Rep. Butcher
00:23:16 Mr. Lyons
00:23:44 Rep. Butcher
00:24:17 Ms. Jurcich

00:24:51 Rep. Butcher
00:25:01 Chairman Lake
00:25:12 Rep. Butcher
00:25:32 Chairman Lake
00:25:41 Rep. Butcher
00:25:59 Chairman Lake
00:26:06 Rep. Butcher
00:26:10 Chairman Lake
00:26:22 Rep. Hoven
00:26:43 Mr. Lampi

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:54 Sen. Gebhardt
00:28:32 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:48 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on
HB 631, Revise credit for preservation of historic
buildings and transfer of credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:08 Rep. Pat Noonan, HD 73, Ramsay
00:34:54 Nick Kujawa, Real Estate Attorney and Developer
EXHIBIT (tah48a01)
00:40:38 Cher Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance
00:45:15 Frank Crowley, Co-Owner, Downtown Helena Historic
Building
EXHIBIT (tah48a02)
00:47:53 Alec Hansen, League of City and Towns
00:49:43 Paul Babb, Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County
00:52:21 Jim McHugh, Executive Director, Downtown Helena
Business Improvement District
00:53:21 Kate Hampton, National Trust for Historic Preservation
EXHIBIT (tah48a03)
00:57:19 Jim Smitham, Executive Director, Butte Local
Development Corporation, Montana Economic Developers
Association
EXHIBIT (tah48a04)
00:59:30 Margaret Morgan, Montana Chapter, National Institute of
Architect
00:59:56 Karen Burns, Director, Butte Urban Revitalization
District

01:00:59 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

01:01:35 Dori Skrukrud, Citizen, Butte

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:02:45 Peter Brown, State Historic Preservation Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:10 Rep. Wiseman

01:03:31 Mr. Brown

01:03:48 Rep. Wiseman

01:03:58 Mr. Brown

01:04:14 Rep. Wiseman

01:04:44 Ms. Jiusto

01:05:12 Rep. Wiseman

01:05:24 Ms. Jiusto

01:05:46 Rep. Vincent

01:06:44 Mr. Brown

01:07:33 Chairman Lake

01:07:41 Rep. Vincent

01:07:53 Micah Christiansen, Corporate Auditor, DOR

01:08:16 Rep. Hoven

01:08:40 Rep. Blewett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:12 Rep. Blewett

01:09:52 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

01:10:19 Break

01:25:44 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:15 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 430, Revise administrative provisions relating to DOR.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:03 Gene Walborn, Bureau Chief, Business and Income Taxes Division, DOR

EXHIBIT (tah48a05)

01:36:19 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association

EXHIBIT (tah48a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:46 Rep. Hoven

01:37:10 Mr. Walborn

01:37:15 Rep. Hoven

01:37:25 Mr. Walborn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:06 Sen. Hamlett

01:39:28 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 636

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:37 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on
HB 636, Tax incentive to sell mobile home park to
resident's group.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:43:40 Tammy Hoth, President, Montana Springs Resident
Association

01:45:23 Julie Flynn, Neighbor Works Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:49:03 Brian Olson, Appraiser, Compliance Valuation, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:17 Rep. Hoven

01:50:09 Mr. Olson

01:50:20 Rep. Hoven

01:50:44 Mr. Olson

01:50:54 Rep. Vincent

01:51:25 Rep. Dickinson
01:53:50 Rep. Vincent
01:54:18 Ms. Flynn
01:55:28 Rep. Miller
01:55:48 Mr. Olson
01:56:20 Rep. Miller
01:56:27 Mr. Olson
01:56:36 Chairman Lake
01:58:03 Mr. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:37 Rep. Dickinson

02:02:43 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

02:04:07 Adjournment: 11:05 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah48aad.pdf](#))